

**REMARKS**

Claims 7 and 10 are now cancelled without prejudice to further prosecution in another application.

Allowable claim 9 has now been rewritten into independent form with the objection to line 7 addressed.

The rejection of Claim 8 as being anticipated by Kaneko et al. under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is traversed, and reconsideration of that rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that the Office Action incorrectly, not merely broadly, interprets the "period of auxiliary injection" recited in Claim 8 and as discussed at page 21, line 12 to page 22, line 8 of the specification with reference to the timing charts of Figs. 20A and 20B.

The reference to col. 19, lines 9-36 of the newly applied Kaneko et al. patent is referring to an amount of additional fuel as more clearly understood from col. 6, line 64 to col. 7, line 6. Kaneko et al. teaching nothing whatsoever about lengthening the time period of the auxiliary injection as set forth in Claim 8.

Accordingly, reconsideration and favorable action are solicited at an early time.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and




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